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## **AGENDA ITEM 5**

### **TO: MEMBERS OF THE BENEFITS AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

- I. SUBJECT:** Summary of the 2005 Member-At-Large Board Election
- II. PROGRAM:** Administration
- III. RECOMMENDATION:** Information
- IV. ANALYSIS:**

Staff from the Operations Support Services Division (OSSD), in conjunction with staff from the Legal Office (LEGO), Public Affairs Office (PAOF), Information Technology Services Branch (ITSB), and two contractors (Intraform Inc. and Martin & Chapman Company), completed the election for the two Board of Administration Member-At-Large positions. The following is a summary of the election.

#### 2005 Member-At-Large Board Election Highlights:

- The new board election regulation procedures adopted by the Board in 2000 were implemented in this election. These procedures included: a 200-word candidate statement and 100-word addendum; the requirement that the candidates be elected by a majority vote (50 percent plus one of the votes cast) instead of a plurality; a runoff election between the two candidates who received the highest number of votes in a non-majority vote first election; and the designation of the two At-Large seats separately as Position A and Position B. In order to complete the election by the statutory deadline of January 16, 2006, the length of the first election was shortened from eight weeks to six weeks, and the runoff election was four weeks.

- The first election for Position B was decided by a majority vote and Mr. Kurato Shimada was elected with 67.91 percent of the vote.
- In the first election for Position A, Mr. Charles Valdes received 49.82 percent of the required 50 percent plus one votes needed, therefore, a runoff election was required. Mr. Valdes won the runoff election with 70.01 percent of the vote.
- The 2005 Member-At-Large voting turnout for the first election was 16.67 percent, and for the runoff election 17.08 percent. In comparison, the voting turnout for the 2001 Member-At-Large election was 20.15 percent. The 2005 general voter information is shown in Attachment A.

**V. STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item is not a specific product of the Strategic Plan, but it is a part of the regular on-going workload of the Operations Support Services Division.

**VI. RESULTS/COSTS:**

The term of office for the two elected Board Members, Kurato Shimada, and Charles Valdes, is January 16, 2006 through January 15, 2010. This is in accordance with the Public Employees' Retirement Law.

The total cost to conduct the Member-At-Large elections for Fiscal Years 2004-05 and 2005-06 was \$2,533,097. The cost detail is shown in Attachment B.

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Attachments